

Kansas SIEC
Regular Meeting
August 22, 2017

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in regular session at the OITS Conference room, 2800 SW Topeka BLVD. Topeka, KS 66601

Members present. Jay Coverdale, Robert McLemore, Phil Wittmer, Mark Dodd, Michelle Abbott, MG Lee Tafanelli, Steven Zeller and Darren Miller.
John Stradal, Jim Oehm, Dick Heitschmidt and Kerry McCue called into the conference line.

Others present. Craig Divoll, Derek Voorhis, JL Ellis, Adam Chriss (KOEK), James Lundsted (DHS/OEC), Clay Adams, (KDOT), Robert Brown, Joe Acosta (OITS), Scott Ekberg (KS 911 Coord. Council).

Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Robert McLemore, Chairperson, at 10:08.

Minutes. The minutes of previous meetings may not have been distributed to all members. Approval of minutes will be done at the next meeting.

Discussion/Action Items.

Governor Brownback FIRSTNET Opt-In decision

Chair McLemore reported on the recent action by Governor Brownback to Opt-IN to the FIRSTNET broadband solution. He reminded all members to please send information to their prospective groups. Discussion included questions about signing up and where to receive information as it becomes available. Verizon's announcement of a competing network was also discussed and the consensus was competition would most likely be a good thing for Public Safety. Changes to the coverage maps were also discussed and it was agreed that the issue needs to be closely monitored.

KSICS Training Update

Jason Bryant introduced Adam Chriss, new Communications Training and Exercise Specialist with KOEC. JL Ellis and Adam gave a brief update of recent training activities and how the training program has had a positive effect with local users. Radio testing on the PSAP and MED talkgroups has resumed and a concerted effort is in place to contact all PSAPs and Medical facilities currently on the testing list. DHS/OEC courses are being held through the Technical Assistance program of DHS. An Auxiliary Communications Course (AUXCOMM) will be held in El Dorado on September 9-10. The Communications Unit Technician (COMT) course will be held in Wichita on September 11-15. The Incident Communications Center Manager (INCM) course will be held in Topeka on September 26-28. Sign in for these courses is available through KS-TRAIN and limited seats are still open. A Communications Exercise (COMMEK) to provide COML and COMT trainees opportunity to fulfill position task books and become fully credentialed in the State of Kansas will be held on October 24,25 at Crisis City. This exercise will be limited to invitation only due to class size restrictions.

Special Committee WhitePaper Report

Dick Heitschmidt gave an overview of the committee's work. A discussion of the current SLIGP grant and the upcoming SLIGP grant process was held including what entity could apply and manage the grant. Currently OITS manages SLIPG funds.

Mark Dodd offered a motion to pursue SLIGP 2.0 funding. After discussion of purposes of the funding, the motion was amended to include utilization of SLIGP 1.0 funded resources for the effort. Michelle Abbot seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Chair McLemore declared the motion passed.

Discussion also included the creation of a joint committee with KS 911 Coordinating Council. It was agreed to use the current SIEC special committee (Dick Heitschmidt, Ellen Werneke, Jim Oehm, a TAG representative to be named by General Tafanelli) along with Michelle Abbott and Jay Coverdale. Jay Coverdale agreed to chair the special committee. Most members have seats on both SIEC and KS 911 Coordinating Council.

MCP - KDOT report

Clay Adams updated the group on the current status of the report. The final report has been delivered to the Secretary of Transportation and is being reviewed. The full report should be delivered to the Legislature and then released to the public. A definite date was not given.

Lunch Presentation

James Lundstedt gave a brief presentation during the working lunch discussing recent DHS-OEC activities and programs.

Action Items from SCIP UPDATE

Items discussed included:

Item 3 – Ensure the long term stability of the SIEC. Jason reported this is an ongoing effort.

Item 4 – Develop a roadmap for technology integration. Discussion of the various technologies currently in use for public safety and the ongoing need to ensure interoperability.

Item 6 – Establish a public safety communications systems cybersecurity working group. Jason detailed previous efforts and difficulties experienced. It was suggested that Jason reach out to Ellen Werneke for information from the MARC study conducted for similar purposes.

Item 11 - Develop outreach plans and strategies for information sharing to all levels of government (legislature, governor, tribes, and state, county and municipal associations). Jason detailed the efforts of the KOEC to remain active with all public safety entities and associations.

Item 12 - Champion stakeholder participation in Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System (CRMCS). Discussion of possibly adding state template talkgroups to CRMCS as a way to assist the management of the resources during emergencies and exercises. This process could be repeated for local talkgroups as well.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for September 28 at 10am at a location to be announced in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Adjourn. With no further business before the committee, Dick Heitschmidt moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 13:19.

Respectfully submitted,



JL Ellis

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APPROVED:



Robert McLemore, Chairperson

Cole Presley, Vice Chairperson